Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 27 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 at 17:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions to continue into the weekend. Low for northward extent of any persistent rain on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 26 Oct 2023: Cloudy with rain at times, driest in the north of the region

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG							
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	40%	50%	40%	30%	30%

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Weather: A cloudy day with outbreaks of rain or drizzle, this turning persistent and occasionally heavy across Arran, Jura, the Trossachs and southern parts of Argyll in the afternoon and evening. Best of the drier weather across southern Lochaber and northern Argyll.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best chance in the northwest

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres coming and going through the day. Southern Lochaber and northern Argyll best favoured for some lengthy cloud breaks on the summits with good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/24 E	15/20 E	12/15 E	19/24 SE	26/33 SE	32/42 SE	32/41 E	34/44 SE	33/44 E
900	20/28 E	16/22 E	14/18 E	18/24 SE	21/29 SE	26/35 SE	25/35 SE	27/38 SE	26/38 SE
600	15/19 E	17/23 E	9/13 E	10/14 E	17/23 SE	25/33 SE	22/30 E	24/33 E	23/32 SE
300	6/10 NE	6/10 N	4/7 N	5/9 E	9/14 E	12/21 E	10/19 E	10/20 E	10/19 E
Glen	7/17 E	10/20 NE	6/14 NE	4/10 NE	7/15 E	10/18 NE	8/17 E	7/17 NE	8/19 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-6	1/-5	1/-4	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	2/-6
900	2/-3	2/-3	2/-4	2/-3	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2
600	5/0	5/-0	5/2	6/3	6/2	7/2	6/2	7/2	7/2
300	6/4	6/4	5/4	6/5	8/6	9/6	8/6	8/6	9/6
Glen	8/6	8/5	7/5	8/6	10/8	11/9	10/8	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note significant wind chill at height. Winds will strengthen through the afternoon with a risk of gales on the highest tops by evening.

Forecast for Friday 27 Oct 2023
Weather: A lot of cloud through the day with outbreaks of rain. Strong to gale east or southeasterly winds.

Maximum wind: Easterly 30 to 40 mph on the summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best chance in the northwest of the area

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, but this may break in the northwest of the area at times especially across northern Argyll and southern Lochaber.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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